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NOTICE

CITY OF GREENBELT

Referendum Election at the firehouse Tuesday, April 15, 1958

Between the Hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

SIX PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

ARE OFFERED FOR CONSIDERATION

GCS Net Savings \$188,000 in 1957 Set Patronage Refund At 1.2%

by Tom Ritchie

Lou Englander, GCS auditor, advised the GCS board to consolidate their present position and concentrate on "intensive" consolidation for a year instead of "extensive" expansion. At the meeting in Takoma Park on March 28, Englander congratulated the co-op on a successful year and stated that the financial position of GCS was as good as comparable businesses.

Total sales for the year ending January 25, 1958, were \$11 million as compared to \$9 million the year before. Net savings were \$188,000 or 1.7% as against \$156,000 in 1956 for the same percentage. A patronage refund of 1.2% will be paid to patrons who have turned in sales slips.

The following operations lost money last year! Takoma Drug Store and Shoe Store, Rockville Market and Piney Branch Market. Since Rockville and Piney Branch are new, the board and management expected these operations to do much better in the coming year. Takoma Shoe Store has now been closed and plans are under way to close the Takoma Drug Store by July 1, 1958. The grocery margin in the Takoma Food Store is now about 2.5% low and special controls are being established to correct the situation.

Greenbelt, Wheaton, and Westminster operated at net savings. Basic financial ratios were in the normal range.

The final recommended revisions of the by-laws were considered. The name of Greenbelt will be retained, although proportional representation voting will be dropped. Eighteen year olds will be permitted to own stock and the board will be able to set the salaries of its officers up to the limits of total board salaries, or \$4500. An extensive revision was made for the purpose of clarification and consolidation.

In other actions, the story of the Wheaton Store which appeared recently in the News Review was referred to the Supervisory Committee for investigation and recommendation for action. The Greenbelt Congress had requested the board to mail the story to all congress members, and the board had approved. On second thought, however, referral to the supervisory committee was considered the wiser move.

Due to a vacuum in member relations created by the absence of a staff employee, the role of the store manager was discussed. The job had been offered to Terry Braund, former Community Church minister, who turned it down. The Congress Newsletter announced that store managers would perform the function, but the board agreed that the matter should be given further consideration.

All area meetings will be held on April 17, and a representative of management and the board will be at each meeting to give reports and answer questions. The next board meeting will be held at Westminster, Md. on Saturday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Benefit for Gary Ford

Thirteen Greenbelt organizations will sell tickets to the movie, "A Man Called Peter", to raise money for the Gary Ford Fund. The tickets for this movie, which will be shown Thursday, May 1, at the Greenbelt Theatre, will cost \$1.00 each, and all of the \$1.00 will go to the fund.

The following churches will have members selling tickets: the Baptist Church, the Community Church, the Jewish Community Center, St. Hugh's Catholic Church and Mowatt Methodist Church.

Members of the Center School PTA, the North End PTA, the American Legion and its Women's Auxiliary, the Women's Club, and the Cub Scouts will also sell tickets.

The Lions Club will coordinate the sale of the tickets, states Edgar Smith of that organization.

Personal checks for the fund should be endorsed to the Lions Club. If contributions are mailed, they should be addressed to the GARY FORD FUND, GENERAL DELIVERY, GREENBELT, MD.

WHAT GOES ON

Friday, April 11—8:15 p.m. GHI board organizes, Administration bldg.

8:45 p.m. Duplicate bridge, Social Room, Center School

Saturday, April 12—9 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt, Center School

Tuesday, April 15—7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Charter Referendum Election, Fire House

Bartholomew Wins GHI Run-Off Race

Incumbent board member Ralph Bartholomew defeated Virginia Beauchamp in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. run-off election last Thursday for the remaining vacancy on the 9-man board of directors. The vote was 138 to 110.

Bartholomew led Mrs. Beauchamp in the first election two weeks ago but failed by six votes to get the necessary majority for election. The run-off election proved surprising in that it attracted almost as many votes as were cast in the original election.

Bartholomew now joins the 8 other incumbents reelected two weeks ago to put the board at full strength. The organization of the new board and election of board officials will take place at tomorrow night's meeting.

Boy's Club News

The Greenbelt Midget Basketball team won the Prince Georges County Championship, by defeating the Green Meadows team, 39-15. The Midgets went through their entire season undefeated, winning 18 games and losing none. The team was coached by Bernie Emmert who did an outstanding job, in winning the title. The team is made up of the following boys: J. Caruso, L. Caruso, B. Emmert, A. Grant, J. Tredwell, A. Gerring, D. Palmer-ton, B. McLaughlin, K. Powell, and R. Holland.

The Greenbelt Intermediate team won 9 games and lost 2 to finish in a tie for the Eastern Division, but lost in a playoff to Chevy-erly. This team was coached by Pete Bergin.

The Junior team coached by Joe Cawley, won 4 and lost 4, but had a 3 and 1 record in the first half, which gave them a second place in the first half.

Councilmen Discuss Reasons For And Against Changes at Public Meeting

by Russell Greenbaum

Before a small but vocal audience, four councilmen discussed their viewpoints on whether the proposed amendments to the city charter should be approved by the citizens of Greenbelt. The issue will be decided at the polls in a referendum election to be held next Tuesday, April 15. Voting will take place at the city firehouse between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The meeting, chaired by Robert Hurst, ex-councilman and chairman of the Citizens Referendum Committee, sponsor of the discussion, heard Councilman Ben Goldfaden lead off by declaring that "in any job a one-man operation with no checks and balances could lead to an unhealthy situation." Goldfaden maintained that previous city managers had made decisions which had no reference to the interests of the citizens.

Goldfaden, who is the prime mover in the proposed charter changes, said that he had discussed his intentions with the city manager a month or two before he brought up the matter before the council. He emphasized that he did not advocate that the council appoint department heads, but rather that it was better for six people rather than one to decide such matters.

In the matter of appointments, he said there was a delay of several months in the appointment of a new recreation director. He said he knew there were several applicants for the job but that the council was unable to obtain any information about any of the applications. "The council is elected by the people and should know what is going on," he maintained.

Goldfaden also cited the instance of the \$15,000 contract for paving the public parking lot at the commercial center. He pointed out that the council had no knowledge of the specifications prepared by the manager and whether more than one contractor was asked to bid on the job. He also declared that the council knows nothing about the contract for the Center School playground other than the name of the contractor. He felt it is necessary for the council to supervise the letting of these contracts more closely, particularly in confirming that an attempt has been made to get bids from at least three reputable contractors.

Mayor Tom Canning presented the major argument of the opposition in arguing that the city council is only a policymaking body and that the city manager is the chief administrator. "It would be an empty gesture to give a man that responsibility unless it was accompanied by broad powers to select, control and remove all personnel without limitation," he said.

Canning went over the thorough review of the charter made in 1949 by a committee of councilmen and citizens in which it was decided to put in a procedure for appeal by employees either dismissed or aggrieved by the manager. However, it had been decided at that time that the manager's powers must be respected and that the grievance committee would be advisory only, with the manager's decisions as final. Canning felt that any reasonable manager would pay heed to the recommendation of such a committee.

The mayor further maintained that the city council holds the "whip hand" over the city manager in that his dismissal can be initiated at any time by a simple motion of a member of the council. This led Councilman Stan Edwards to elaborate that the manager is given 30 days to answer the charges against him and that he could then appeal his case to the public.

Edwards also quoted the charter on the requirements for appointments, which states that a man must be competent and fully qualified and no distinction made on the basis of race, creed or religion. He then said that council approval of appointments protected the manager against pressure by political groups or "other interests" since the manager would not have the final say.

He also argued that in awarding city contracts the manager could so write the specifications that all but the particular bidder would be eliminated. Later when challenged

to cite any instance where the manager had been influenced by special interests in making an appointment or had favored one particular bidder, Edwards stated that he knew of no such instances nor did he believe that any other councilmen were aware of any. He said he was only considering what might occur.

Councilman Alan Kistler dealt with the point raised by Goldfaden that in Princess Anne County there was a manager form of government in which the appointments and dismissals were subject to approval of the council. Goldfaden also noted that the Rockville city manager had complete power to appoint and remove but that this was approved by the city council and not placed in a charter handed to the city by the federal government. In other respects, he said, the Rockville charter agreed with the proposed changes.

Kistler said that there may be "isolated cases" in the 1550 city-manager cities, including 104 which adopted this form of government last year, where the city manager is subject to the council, but it was his belief on consultation with authorities that conformance to the model charter (on which this city's charter is based) would be true in an overwhelming number of cities. Kistler also brought out the point that the three councilmen desiring the changes had not demonstrated that there was a "compelling need" to make these changes and that he was "not aware of any need to make such drastic changes in the operation and structure of the city government."

Kistler asked about his stand on the grievance procedure, said it this belief on consultation with which he had some sympathy. However, he felt that it was wrong to place the matter in the hands of the council. Both he and Canning pointed out that the proposed amendment on this point eliminates the chance for an employee to be heard on a grievance not involving dismissal.

Kistler noted that he would like to present an amendment which would insure the employee's right of appealing the manager's actions but that he was against piecemeal revision of the charter. He declared that he would either propose or give his support to the establishment of a commission to review the entire charter.

Sodality Sidelights

St. Hugh's March Sodality program honored St. Patrick and St. Joseph. The speaker was St. Hugh's Pastor, Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, who gave a 20-minute talk on St. Joseph.

Others on the program were Mrs. Anne McDonald who sang "Night of the Kerry Dancers," and Miss Paula Henry who sang (in Gaelic) the old Irish air "Modhten-e-Meara." Mrs. McAndrew, Church organist, accompanied both soloists on the piano.

Mrs. Mary Henry, Perfect of the Sodality, recited in Gaelic and then translated line-by-line, the story of "St. Patrick, the Irish, and the Shamrock." It was the first time this had been done in the Washington area, it is believed.

Because of the Lenten season only coffee was served during the social hour. Plans were made for the parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on April 20; formal reception of new Sodality members in May; and the annual Sodality Dinner in June—which will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. Marie Weber this year. Mrs. Mary Lopez is chairman of the Spaghetti Dinner which the Sodality is sponsoring Sunday, April 27, in St. Hugh's Social Hall.

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The Referendum and the Real Issues

This Tuesday, April 15, the voters of Greenbelt—that is, those who are interested—will have the first opportunity in the history of the city to have something to say about the makeup of the city charter, the document that controls how we are governed and how city affairs are administered. When the first families moved into Greenbelt about 20 years ago, they were handed a ready-made city charter. The government agency which ran the town had decided at some fateful conference that the standard city manager-council form of administration would be best for the subsidized renters of the Greenbelt homes. Although the charter was completely reviewed in 1949, there has been no overhaul of the charter attempted since the federal government, on December 31, 1952, handed over the reins to the citizens of Greenbelt, now full-fledged home owners who pay taxes to the city.

In addition the home rule law, recently passed by the Maryland legislature, for the first time gives the city council and the citizens, if they wish, the power to decide on changes in the charter. It is only logical, therefore that alert, progressive councilmen should wish to take an early opportunity to consider basic changes in the structure of the charter. All five councilmen agree that the charter could stand a complete review with an eye to making needed changes.

The *News Review* believes that such changes are indeed necessary in order to give the citizens of the community a greater voice in the direction of city affairs. This can be accomplished by amending the charter to give the city councilmen more control and responsibility in the city's administration. Since the council is an elected body, the voter thereby has a more direct means of expressing his approval or disapproval of how the city is being run.

The charter at present gives the city manager the sole responsibility for appointing and removing the city's five department heads and for planning the expenditure of large sums of money. Although the council provides guidance for the manager, approves the budget and large contracts and passes city ordinances, these decisions are almost entirely based on the information given the council by a busy, burdened manager. The council has limited investigative powers of its own. Any dissatisfaction, therefore, with the city government, whether justified or not, is often channeled directly at the city manager, who cannot be voted out of office. It would seem far more equitable if the city councilmen, who can be removed from office every two years, officially share some of this responsibility.

It is true that the city charter permits a majority of the council to fire the city manager whenever they become dissatisfied with his actions. This, however, is not a practical means of exercising control over the city manager. It is ridiculous for the council to have to consider dismissing the manager whenever it feels that his decisions are unwise. This would be like using a sledgehammer to drive a tack. What is needed is machinery that permits the council to have a more effective say about the city manager's performance of his job short of dismissal.

A major argument of the opponents to the proposed amendments is that piecemeal revision is no way to tackle the ills of the charter, but rather a systematic and thorough review of the entire charter. The proponents of the amendments, however, feel that any general review of the charter is bound to consume a considerable period of time and might even end in indecisive recommendations. They feel that some changes should be made immediately.

In any case, the city charter is not a sacred, inviolable document, nor is the city manager untouchable. If either one is not providing the community with the kind of government that serves its best interests, then the city council should not be hampered in its duty to take remedial action. Such action should be taken with all deliberate speed, with objectivity, and without personal animosity.

The Editor's Notebook

By Harry Zubkoff

How many men, I wonder, who are avid readers of pocket book mysteries or westerns or science-fiction or any other category of those wonderful little paper-backs, have heard their despairing mates wail, "I wish you would get rid of all those books that are cluttering up our book-shelves." Well, if you are one of those, I have a great idea. I'm bringing my collection of pocket books, about two or three hundred of them, down to the *News Review* office, voluntarily, you understand, and I'm starting a *News Review* Pocket Book Club. The membership fee is one pocket book, which entitles you to unlimited borrowing privileges. When you're finished reading them, bring them back and take some more. No charge, no time limit, no strings, no kidding. And if you don't want to borrow any but do want to get rid of some, bring them around and we'll take them off your hands. I think a lot of folks will get a lot of enjoyment out of these books, so come on in and join the Club.

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VOLUNTEER NOTES

By Don Pratt

Junior Members of our Department (Troop 229 Explorers) will participate in a safety demonstration at Berwyn Heights Fire House on Sunday, April 13, at 12:30 p.m. Our new fire truck and ambulance will be on display. Everyone is invited.

Fire Marshal Bob Mogel is attending the Annual Fire Inspection Short Course at the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension.

The Spring Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up program jointly planned by the Lions Club and the Fire Department & Rescue Squad, is progressing satisfactorily. The schools are cooperating with us and will participate in special indoor and outdoor clean-up projects.

Our Explorers will distribute window stickers for each home. Other posters and material will be displayed throughout the city in order to promote a cleaner, safer, healthier and more beautiful place in which to live.

The Garden Club will announce their part in this campaign at a later date.

Other Scout groups will participate in various projects throughout Greenbelt to rid the city of some of the "eyesores" that can be eliminated. It is anticipated that there will be extra trash collections during this period.

The dates for the campaign are April 26 to May 10.

The Fire Department & Rescue Squad, the Lions Club, and Anthony Madden have donated to the cost of the promotional material that is to be used for this period.

Ellis-Donellan

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Donellan, 44-A Ridge, announce the marriage of their son PFC Joseph E. Donellan to Miss Katherine M. Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ellis, of Takoma Park. The couple were married in Va. on April 2. They will reside in Santa Ana, Calif., where Donellan is stationed.

Edward P. Carter

Edward P. Carter, 5-D Gardenway, a resident of Greenbelt for the past five years, died recently at the V. A. Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va., after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Carter was a native of Chicago, Ill., and worked for over 35 years for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & P. R. R. in that city. A veteran of World War I, he was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Hunt scheduled for Monday, April 7, was cancelled because of rain. However, it will be held on Saturday, April 12, in the following order: First Hunt will be 9 a.m. for pre-school, kindergarten and first grade in front of Center School; at 10 a.m. a hunt for the second and third grades behind the swimming pool on the handball court; at 11 a.m. for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in front of Center School. There will be 24 prizes consisting of chocolates and toys for each hunt.

Spin Casting: There will be a Spin Casting Class beginning Wednesday, April 23 at the Center School, time 6:30 p.m. This class is open to everyone interested in casting. Preliminary instruction will be given on the front lawn of the school. Bring your own rod and reel, no other charge. Equipment and lures will be demonstrated. All ages invited, men and women.

Easter Egg Hunt: Another attraction is being added to the program. At 8 o'clock in the morning two live rabbits will be let loose, one pink rabbit worth \$2.00, and a blue rabbit worth \$1.00. You also keep the rabbit.

Seek Marchers for C.P.

"Uncle" Dave Ginsburg, manager of the Sidney Lust Theatres, put his trickster dog, "Rusty," through his paces for the children at the cerebral palsy therapy center in Bladensburg when they had their Easter party on April 3.

The party was given for them by the parents' committee of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Prince Georges County.

The children received Easter baskets and plush bunnies and enjoyed fruit juice and an Easter cake, which was donated by the Rolling Pin Bakery. "Rusty" performed several of his most difficult tricks for the children and made friends with many of them.

The party preceded the county-wide telephone campaign palsy fund drive which takes place during the month of May. Special telephone hook-ups have been installed in the clinic headquarters at 4810 Annapolis rd. to enable operators to call persons all over the county.

Persons contacted will be asked to participate in the house-to-house canvass, which will be a part of the "53 Minute March on Cerebral Palsy."

The soliciting of volunteer aid began Monday and will continue until enough canvassers are enlisted to cover Prince Georges thoroughly.

VOTING INFORMATION

The League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County will establish voting information tables in shopping centers throughout the county during a three-day period, Mrs. Harold Hayes, president, announced. The voting information centers are part of a program to encourage registration during the county-wide registration day at the polling places, April 15.

The public will be invited to test its knowledge of Maryland's voting requirements on a quiz Board which signals right and wrong answers with different colored lights. Two specially prepared publications on voting and registration procedures will be distributed. League Voting Information Centers, which will operate April 10, 11, and 12, can be identified by red signs asking, "Is Your Name in the Book?" Mrs. H. W. Schamp, Jr. is Voters Service Chairman.

Publishing Notes

TEN NORTH FREDERICK, John O'Hara's powerful novel, which won the National Book Award in 1956, and was published as a paperback by Bantam Books over a year ago, will soon be going back to press for its seventh huge printing. Over a million copies of the Bantam edition are now in print! The 20th Century-Fox motion picture based on the book stars Gary Cooper, and is tentatively set for release in May.

SAY, DARLING, Richard (Pajama Game) Bissell's novel (Bantam 50c) about the making of a novel into a musical comedy — has been made into a comedy with music by Jule Styne, in collaboration with Abe Burrows, Adolph Green and Betty Comden. It stars David Wayne, Vivian Blaine and Johnny Desmond, and received encouraging (but not ecstatic) reviews during its pre-Broadway trials in New Haven and Philadelphia. Two of the songs, Variety reports, are hit parade material, and the finale was described as a "show-stopper." Most finales are!

Samm Sinclair Baker, advertising executive, mystery writer and backyard philosopher, tells why he didn't call his new gardening book from Bantam "Blood From A Turnip" or "The Poisoned Ivy." It's called MIRACLE GARDENING because, says Baker: "I feel that a single blade of grass growing from the earth is a miracle, and I wanted to write a book that not only instructs, but also projects the excitement, joy and creativity of gardening." MIRACLE GARDENING is a Bantam March release.

Welcome to . . . SPECIAL SERVICES

CENTER SCHOOL

BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

April 13

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - "Evidences of the New Birth"

6:00 p.m. - Training Union

7:00 p.m. - "The Greatest Love Story"

WEEKNIGHTS - 7:45 p.m.

Monday - Friday, April 14 - 16

CHOIRS — NURSERY OPEN

Greenbelt Baptist Church

REV. GLENN W. SAMUELSON, Pastor

REV. JAMES ROBERT SUTTIE, Pastor

Temple Hills Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

See and Hear - Mr. Suttie on
TELEVISION - CHANNEL 4

"Look To This Day"

March 24 - April 18—6:50 a.m.

Monday Wednesday Friday

Vital Questions and Answers On the Charter Referendum

Where and when will the referendum election be held?

The polls will be open on Tuesday, April 15 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fire House.

Who will be able to vote?

Any Greenbelt resident who was eligible to vote in the last city council election or who has registered since then with the city clerk will be able to vote.

What will be voted on?

Amendments to 6 sections of the city charter have been proposed by a majority of the city council. According to Maryland law, before these changes become effective, a referendum must be held if 20 percent of the registered voters request it. In mid-January petitions containing the necessary signatures were presented to the city clerk, and the city council subsequently ordered the special referendum.

What does the ballot consist of?

The ballot is so worded that each of the six amendments will be voted on separately. Thus, it is possible to approve some of the amendments and disapprove others, though some of the amendments are so closely related that they will make no sense unless approved or disapproved concurrently.

What is the first amendment?

The first and most important amendment consists of two parts. The first part requires that the appointment and dismissal of all city department heads by the city manager will need the consent of the council.

What is the present situation?

At present, only the city solicitor is appointed with the consent of the council. All other appointments and all dismissals (including that of the solicitor) are the sole responsibility of the city manager.

How many city department heads are involved?

Five — recreation director, chief of police, public works director, treasurer, and city clerk.

Will the appointment procedure be changed for any other city employees?

No. All other appointments will remain the responsibility of the city department heads and the city manager.

What is the second part of the first amendment?

The second part gives the council authority to review the case of a dismissed employee upon that employee's written appeal, after which the council may rescind or modify the action of the city manager.

How does this differ from the present situation?

At present the council may appoint a committee to hear any employee dismissed or aggrieved by the manager, but the manager's decision is final in all cases. The proposed amendment deletes the provision for an aggrieved employee to appeal to the council.

What is the second amendment?

The second amendment simply brings into conformity another section of the charter with respect to the proposed changes in appointment of department heads and dismissal hearings.

What is the third amendment?

The third amendment provides for the review and approval by the council of all expenditures for goods and services involving more than \$1,000 and gives the council the power to reject all bids.

What is the present situation?

At present, the council reviews and approves expenditures in excess of \$5,000 and the power to reject bids is reserved for the city manager.

What is the fourth amendment?

The fourth amendment requires the consent of the council before the city manager may permit any employee to accept other employment similar to his regular duties.

What is the present situation?

At present, the authority to approve dual employment is exercised solely by the city manager.

What is the fifth amendment?

The fifth amendment provides that the city solicitor cannot be removed by the manager without the consent of the council.

What is the present situation?

At present, the city solicitor can be removed by the city manager alone.

What is the sixth amendment?

The sixth amendment provides for the approval by the council of all contracts for city improvements for more than \$1,000 and gives the council power to reject all bids.

What is the present situation?

At present the council approves contracts in excess of \$5,000 and the power to reject bids is reserved for the city manager.

When will any amendments that are approved go into effect?

Immediately.

NEW DRIVING LICENSES

James B. Monroe, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, announces that all persons holding Maryland Driving Licenses, except chauffeurs' licenses, are required to re-register on an alphabetical basis. Drivers whose last names start with A, B, or C will be sent an application by mail between now and April 30, as their present licenses will expire on June 30 1958.

This form should be completed and returned promptly to the Department of Motor Vehicles with the fee of \$1.00. The new licenses will be mailed to the address given on the application. It is necessary that we have your correct address to send you an application. Therefore, if it is incorrect, notify us at once, together with the number of your license.

A Story of Courage

By Janet F. Helm

A fair haired seven-year-old boy who loved to climb trees and to vie with the squirrels for acorns has been lying unconscious in a hospital bed for six months. The tragic incident of his fall one bright Sunday morning in September has affected not only his immediate family, but should have touched deeply the hearts of all Greenbelt residents familiar with the story.

Indeed, a story of courage and faith is manifested by the Ford family of 55-M Ridge Road. Mary and Fred Ford have managed to carry on in what has often seemed a hopeless situation. Faced with mounting nursing expenses and little real encouragement from medical authorities, Mary Ford has heroically succeeded in maintaining a cheerful and optimistic outlook and in keeping the home atmosphere as normal as possible for her other children husky Ricky, 9, and golden-haired Crystal, a beguiling 5-year-old.

Yet one can sense that there is something missing. It is the presence of Gary, the athletic, middle child, "my chubbiest baby," whose childish roundness has been destroyed through long months of muscular inactivity and tubular feeding.

---Have there been any signs of improvement recently? No you are told, but he hasn't gotten any worse lately, and that's something. And he can move his head a little, and his eyes are open and seem to follow you. Do you know, he's lost some of his baby teeth since he's been in the hospital, and they've given him a butch haircut.

These are the things Gary's parents notice in their virtually daily trips to Prince George's Hospital.

Constant special hospital and nursing care has drained the family's limited finances. They no longer have the ability to pay for all the attention Gary needs. That is why a special appeal is again being made to the citizens of Greenbelt, many of whom are parents of active children like the Gary of former times, to support the renewed Gary Ford Fund. Please do not forget the movie, "A Man Called Peter," at the Greenbelt Theater, on Thursday, May 1. You will be doubly blessed, for you will both give and receive.

Park Program Studied

"Present and Proposed Park and Recreational Facilities in Prince Georges County" will be under discussion as local units of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County meet this month.

The discussion will cover such subjects as the type and number of parks presently existing in Prince Georges County, the proposed five-year park program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, land acquisition and park development, Mrs. Sterling Ament of Silver Hill is Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the League.

Greenbelt residents interested in questions of park development are cordially invited to attend the unit meeting at 8:15 on Wednesday, April 23, at the residence of Mrs. H. Hertz, 45-T Ridge.

Accidents Cost Money

How much are accidents costing the American people? The price tag for 1957 reached the staggering total of 11 billion, 800 million dollars, the amount of money estimated to be lost through wages not earned, medical fees and hospital expense, cost of insurance, property destroyed and manufacturing production lost.

An interesting question is raised by the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company—"How much good could these dollars do if instead of being wasted on accidents they could be applied to useful purposes?"

Taking a look at many things that are important today, the Institute estimates that the savings of \$11,800,000,000 would provide tremendous benefits—

In Education. This money would be sufficient to give every public school teacher, principal, supervisor and superintendent in the United States a 100% increase in annual salary; would build more than 300,000 new Class A school-rooms which would provide educational facilities for an additional nine million youngsters; would provide four-year college educations for 12 million students.

In Tax Relief. These dollars would give every tax paying individual in the country a 30% reduction in income tax.

In Better Living. This amount would represent sufficient funds to build one million new single family homes figuring the average cost at \$12,000.

In Health and Welfare. This sum would multiply by 16 the funds now raised for cancer, heart, polio, tuberculosis research and welfare work done by the United Fund throughout the country.

In Medical Care. This money would construct and furnish more than 2,000 new 300-bed hospitals.

In Foreign Relations. These dollars would furnish adequate funds to run the United Nations for 24 years.

In Family Security. Taking 35 as

the average age of the U. S. population this sum would pay a full year's premium for an average \$8,000 of new life insurance protection for every family in the United States — or buy four U. S. \$100 Savings Bonds for each family's nest egg.

In Luxuries. There would be enough cash available to buy 19 million color TV sets; pay for four million new passenger cars; provide three new 75-dollar suits for every male 15 years of age and over.

In Business Profits. The figure is equal to the net income of the 135 largest railroads, utilities and manufacturing companies in the country.

Arthur S. Johnson, Director of the Institute adds this tongue-in-cheek comment—"We have no idea what it would cost to reach the moon—but we are certain that \$11,800,000,000 would cover the cost of a round-trip and leave money to spare."

The Driver's Seat

By popular demand, there'll be a wearin' of the green on the proposed 41,000-mile interstate highway network. A clear majority of motorists who were chosen to drive a test route that took them over a stretch of dead-end expressway near Greenbelt, Md., selected green as the best background for directional signs—the signs that direct you to your destination—that will be used on the new highways. Blue and black, the other colors considered for use, didn't come close in the final tabulation.

The test was set up by Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator, to determine which color is best for highway signs showing motorists how to get where they want to go. He invited hundreds of motorists to drive the expressway and give their opinions of the test signs. They were asked: What sign was easiest to see? What lettering was most readable?

How did they react to reflectivity on signs? Motorists drove the road during

all weather conditions and at all hours of the day and night. They voted that green, reflective signs were the most likely to succeed with them.

Reflective signs won out over non-reflective signs with an overwhelming majority. Eighty per cent of the drivers traveling the stretch were more stimulated by the colorful brilliancy of reflective signs that could be seen at night as well as during daylight.

Fifty-eight per cent of the test volunteers preferred green for directional signs because it was an easily identifiable color. Capital and lower case letter combinations were thought to be the easiest to read.

Because of the results on this test route, the United States Bureau of Public Roads and the American Association of State Highway Officials, co-sponsors of the experiment, now advocate a uniform system of white capital and lower case letters on green backgrounds as the standard for all new interstate highways. Eighteen states already have ratified the plan and the remainder of the states are expected to follow suit soon.

Green now joins the ranks of three other official highway sign colors—red for stop, yellow for caution and white for regulation—designed to simplify traveling procedures for motorists.

The results of this popularity contest—when put into practice on the new super highways and copied for use on non-turnpike roads—will make highway life a lot simpler and will keep cooled a lot of tempers—even of the Irish variety.

SPREADING THE WORD. If the Japanese spared On Luh Yuen's cake factory in Hong Kong his cakes are still probably being sent to all parts of South China. With each cake was always enclosed a Bible verse written in English, Chinese, Javanese and Malay. From Canada, too, Bible verses were sent by unusual methods. Many thousands have been attached to wild geese at a famous Canadian wild bird refuge to be carried far and wide.

Your Home

By Ann Levine

The things that can happen to furniture upholstery!

Thoughts of spilled liquids, ground-in food, and spots created by smudgy hands hound the careful home maker.

When a beautiful new upholstered suite is delivered to the home the thought almost concurrent with the joy of owning so much beauty is "How long will it remain new looking?"

Today there is a process which makes upholstery fabrics virtually spot resistant. This silicone finish on the fiber makes the fabric softer to the touch, yet the finish itself is invisible. It doesn't alter the fabric's appearance, except to make it more lastingly beautiful. Already many stores have upholstery with this silicone finish, in a wide choice of weaves and colors on a custom basis or made up in sectionals, chairs, and divans.

With this silicone finish oily liquids such as salad oil or baby oil "bead up" on the fabric and are easily removed. Gently blotting the fabric with a soft rag or cleaning tissue does the job. Water-base liquids, such as party drinks, coffee, and tea, are removed the same way. The trick is to blot, not rub. The silicone treated fabric has exceptional resistance to household dust and dirt. Dust "sits up" on the fabric and brushes clean or vacuums away. The fabric retains "like new" appearance much longer.

Do you have a small table that is an eye sore but has good lines? Get small tiles in bright colors and create a thing of beauty. You can use your imagination in placing the tiles, or you can use a crechet pattern, counting 1 tile for each filet square in the pattern.

Questions from readers will be answered in this column. Write to YOUR HOME, Box 68, Greenbelt, Maryland.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For Sound Administration

To the Editor:

Under the Council-Manager form of government the City Council is the policy making body and the Manager is the chief administrator of the city, responsible for carrying out and administering the affairs of the city in accordance with the policies established by the Council. To give any person the title of Chief Administrator and vest in him the responsibility of administrative management is only an empty gesture unless his responsibility is accompanied by broad powers to select, direct and discipline personnel in the organization. The selection and over-all control of personnel are essential parts of sound administrative management. If the Manager is to be responsible for the administration of the policies established by Council he must, to be effective, have the right without limitation to select, appoint, control and remove all personnel, including department heads. Our City Charter, as adopted by the Maryland General Assembly, very wisely takes this fundamental principle of good management into account. Section 34 makes the Manager responsible to the Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City placed in his charge and empowers him to appoint and remove all officers and employees except the City Solicitor, who shall be appointed with the consent of the City Council. All officers and employees, including the City Solicitor, may be removed by the City Manager. Section 34 also provides that the Council may appoint a committee of three disinterested persons to hear or review any individual grievance of any regular employee dismissed or otherwise aggrieved by action of the City Manager. In recognition of the great importance attached to the Manager's right to remove his subordinates, however, it is provided in Section 34 that such committee will be advisory in nature only and that the decision of the Manager shall be final and not reviewable in any court or body notwithstanding any previous Act of the General Assembly. The proposed amendment to Section 34 would make the appointment of department heads by the Manager subject to the consent of the City Council could reject the appointment of a person whom the Manager after careful thought, believes to be best qualified to do a job for the accomplishment of which he, the Manager, remains responsible to the Council. The amendment also provides that any employee aggrieved by his removal by the Manager, providing he submits within 10 days a detailed statement setting forth the reasons why he should not have been removed, shall be entitled to a hearing before the Council, after which the Council may rescind or modify the action of the City Manager. As indicated above any action by the Council to rescind or modify the action of the Manager with respect to the dismissal of employees is inconsistent with the principles of sound management. It could result in the retention of employees found by the Manager to be incompetent or whose dismissal is found to be otherwise in the best interest of the city. Further, the amendment would abolish the right of Council to appoint the committee of three disinterested persons to hear or review any individual grievance of employees dismissed or otherwise aggrieved. So that an employee who has not been dismissed but has been aggrieved by some action of the Manager shall have no recourse or means of having his grievance properly heard. The proposed amendments to Sections 36 and 43 are designed to bring these Sections into conformity with the proposed changes to Section 34. They are for that reason equally objectionable.

The proposed amendment to Section 38 would require the review and approval by the Council of all contracts for supplies, materials,

equipment or contractual services involving the expenditure of more than \$1,000, and empowers the Council, rather than the City Manager, to reject all bids and to re-advertise. The amendment to Section 40 would require the consent of Council before the Manager may permit employees to accept other employment not inconsistent with his regular duties. The amendment to Section 56 would require that contracts for city improvements costing more than \$1,000 be approved by Council and also would empower the Council, rather than the City Manager, to reject all bids. The responsibilities sought to be imposed upon City Council by the last three amendments involve, again, purely administrative functions properly the responsibility of management. Aside from the crippling effect the amendment would have upon the proper administration of the city government, they would very unwisely increase the workload of an already overburdened Council. With the resumption of development now in the offing the Council is faced with ever increasing complex policy questions which will require much time and thought preliminary to decisions very vital to the future of the community. The Council should be as free as possible to devote its time to these most important matters. The Council cannot do justice to its policy-making job, the job it was elected to accomplish, if it becomes burdened with detailed administrative functions and involved in day to day administrative decisions involving personnel, or the detailed analysis of bids, and the review and approval of contracts. In this connection, expenditures for supplies and services by the Managers are very thoroughly reviewed and acted upon by the Council in its consideration of the annual budget as are supplemental requests by the Manager during the fiscal year for items not provided for in the budget. For the reasons indicated, the amendments should be rejected in toto.

Thomas J. Canning
Mayor

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MATURE JUDGEMENT

To the Editor:

In accepting your invitation to discuss the proposed changes in our City Charter, I want first to commend the News Reviews for throwing its columns open for public debate on a crucial matter. This is in the tradition of great journalism and points up, again, the important role played by the News Review in the life of this community.

As a member of the City Council I am on record in opposition to the adoption of the proposed amendments. My opposition is both substantive and procedural in approach. I am opposed to the proposals themselves and to the hazardous method of charter change their attempted adoption represents.

The most significant change proposed is that depriving the City Manager of exclusive power to appoint and remove Department Heads. This change, which its proponents contend is a minor one designed merely to give more responsibility to Council, constitutes a frontal assault upon the structure and operation of our city government. It does violence to the fundamental concept underlying the council-manager form of government—that of unifying authority and political responsibility in the elected council and centralizing administrative responsibility in an administrative agent appointed by that council.

This concept makes good sense. It is responsive to an aim of advocates of good, efficient government—the pinpointing of responsibility in governmental affairs. With this system, as pointed out by the National Municipal League, "there can be no avoidance of responsibility either by the people's representatives for determinations of policy, or by the administrative appointee for actual administration."

The insistence upon a distinction between policy making and administration that characterizes the council-manager form of government is based on sound reasoning and practical experience. Its logic is that the chief administrative agent of the government is thus able to approach problems objectively, professionally, without regard to the political consequences of whatever administrative decisions he reaches, while the elected body is able to concentrate on the formulation of policies geared to the needs of the electorate without the hindrance of concern with administrative practices. In addition while permitting objective, professional administration without political encumbrances, the plan provides political flexibility since the citizens are not frustrated by the lapse of time that term of office imposes; in the event the administrative agent proves unsatisfactory or intractable, council can take immediate action to terminate his services.

Our Charter conforms to the fundamental political concept just described. No one, including those who initiated the proposed amendments, has yet cited a satisfactory reason for the basic alteration they propose. Nor has any one explained to my satisfaction how the City Manager can be held responsible for the proper administration of the affairs of the City if he must share with others the appointment of the people on whom he must rely to carry out administrative procedures implementing council policies.

One late attempt at justification suggests a comparison between the appointment of department heads here in Greenbelt and the appointment of members of the Cabinet and some other officers of the United States Government. Senate confirmation is required of the President's nominations, runs the argument, why then not councilman confirmation of the city manager's appointments?

The similarity between the local and federal situation is apparent rather than real. The President of the United States is an elected official, powerful in his own right, and the chief policy making official in the national government. Legislative check upon appointments in that case is understandable, particularly where policy making officials such as cabinet members and heads of regulatory commissions are involved. The position of an appointed city manager, completely subject to the will of an elected body, is not analogous to that of the President. The status of department heads of our local government is not comparable to that of cabinet officials and chairmen of quasi-judicial or regulatory public commissions.

Those promoting these amendments maintain their adoption will not alter or adversely affect the form of our government. The weight of opinion of the experts in the field—the long time students of municipal government, the long time practitioners in local government—is against them.

Much has been made by the proponents of the amendments of the need for some appeals machinery for city employees aggrieved by dismissal. While this concern is commendable, the proposed amendment establishing the Council as an appeals board is not a satisfactory solution since this again would plunge the Council into the administrative picture. In addition, the amendment, hastily contrived, and altered substantially during its final preparation, eliminates the charter's reference to appeals procedures for grievances other than dismissal. Thus the intended improvement worsens the situation.

The recommended revision in contract bids procedures requiring Council approval for bids on contracts for city improvements in excess of \$1,000, instead of the \$5,000 figure now in force, is of minor significance. It should be noted, however, that the Charter presently authorizes the Council to prescribe by ordinance the form of public notice and competition for bids of this character. There is not justification in fact for any charge that the Council has not, at present, any control over bidding on city improvement contracts or city purchases.

Aside from the merits, or lack of merits, of the proposed changes in our city charter, their total rejection is indicated as the wiser course of action on the part of those who are genuinely interested in charter reform.

If the charter needs reviewing—and there is no reason why it should not be reviewed periodically—common sense would prompt the belief that a systematic, comprehensive and objective analysis of the document is to be preferred.

At best, the proposed amendments constitute a piecemeal overhaul. Any one interested in having studied to determine whether it needs updating will surely be moved to vote against the entire amendment package.

When this abortive and ill-conceived attempt at charter change is defeated next week we will be able to proceed, rationally and competently, to do a thorough-going study of the charter. This can be accomplished by the appointment of a citizens committee or by appointment of a body of professional experts from neighboring Universities to accomplish a sober and thoughtful analysis and make fitting recommendations.

Then we shall all have the satisfaction of knowing that we are acting as an intelligent electorate, informed, prepared and secure in the knowledge that mature judgment, not impulsive behavior, underlies our decisions.

Alan Kistler
Councilman

"A GOOD EXAMPLE"

To the Editor:

Some years ago, I resided in the city of Cambridge, Mass., a very lovely city, the seat of Harvard University, and a host of other institutions of higher learning.

The city had one never failing source of annoyance to the citizens: high taxes on their property. It was always on top in that respect.

Then some civic-minded men got together and decided to put in a town manager on a trial basis, and wonder of wonders, the tax rate dropped \$5.00 the first year, \$2.00 the second year and proportionately for a number of years after.

Now this started some 25 years ago, and one of the largest cities in the East—Cambridge—still enjoys the services of a city manager. The council, long ago, realized his importance and he has a free hand in running the city on a business basis. A good example for us to follow.

John S. DeCoste

HARDLY A GOOD EXAMPLE

To the Editor:

Mr. Bordenet's letter comparing the local Greenbelt amendments to our federal government system of the executive branch recommending and the legislative branch approving appointments is hardly a good example, or a good recommendation. Many of the appointments Mr. Bordenet speaks of are purely political—the local Congressman, Senator or political boss informs the Executive branch of the person they want appointed. The Executive branch then submits the name to the legislative branch for approval. This is an old standing practice in national politics and the very one we want to avoid here in Greenbelt. We don't want councilman recommending their relatives, friends, or people they owe political favors to for city jobs. We want them selected on an efficient non-partisan merit basis by a qualified City Manager, and we want the City affairs run on a strictly non-political business basis for the benefit of the citizens—not the politicians. That is why thoughtful citizens and non-partisan civic groups almost universally favor the city manager form of government. The best proof is the fact that the greatest political bosses, machines, and corruption thrived where there was no City Manager in charge.

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To the Editor:

When I discussed with Councilman Smith his reasons for changing the City Charter he made two principal points. His first point was that the present City Manager has failed to do some of the things the City Council has asked him to do. Secondly, he indicated he really preferred changing the City Charter so as to eliminate the City Manager position and going to the mayor-council form of city government.

In answer to his first point I contended that under our Charter Council has the responsibility to secure performance from its City Manager, and the government is set up so that they can expect performance by the City Manager. If they are not getting satisfactory performance they should work with the City Manager to change the situation, or failing in that, appoint a City Manager who would satisfy them.

Trying to correct such a situation by Council taking over some of the power of the Manager will create a situation in which you cannot pin down responsibility.

Under the City Manager form of government the Council has two functions. One is to pass necessary ordinances and resolutions; the other is to select the city manager and hold him responsible for the conduct of the municipal administration. All administrative matters are under the manager's control. Thus there is no question as to who is responsible for what.

In discussing his second point, Councilman Smith said the City needed dynamic leadership and wasn't getting it from the City Manager. But as Austin MacDonald points out in his highly regarded textbook on *American City Government and Administration*, "The manager is supported to be a technical administrator, not a political leader. Moreover, he must remain purely an administrator, for the moment he tries to shape public opinion in defiance of council he plants the seed of his own destruction."

I would agree with Councilman Smith that we have a problem with our political leadership in Greenbelt. But I don't agree that changing the form of government will solve the problem. Rather I would suggest that the Citizens should work with the City Council to change the situation, or failing that, to vote in a City Council that will satisfy them.

James Cassels

A "POLITICAL RAT"

To the Editor:

Messrs. Goldfaden, Edwards, Smith, Hoffman, Hunt, Goode, Bauer (?), Barker (?) and Cherry are publicly endorsing the proposed charter changes to our City Manager form of government. This is all well and good, but the honorable gentlemen do not give their reasons for this desired change. Just what are their true reasons if any?

Why do the names of Bauer and Baker appear with the honorable councilmen when they are not even residing in Greenbelt?

Do the aforementioned councilmen wish to dispose of the City Manager form of government in its pure form so that they may attempt to build political empires? "Me thinks" I smell a "political rat."

Registered voters should know both sides of the issue before they cast their ballot. It is so easy to make a change, but difficult to right a wrong.

Give the voters a clear, concise picture of your views, councilmen.

Very truly yours,
David C. Young,
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To the Editor:

Unless all the experience of government in the past, and all the theories of the political scientists derived from it, goes for nothing, what is being attempted by the Greenbelt legislators is completely wrong. In our system it is necessary to separate legislative and administrative functions; and it is quite as bad to entrust administrative duties to the legislature as it is to allow administrators to make laws. It disperses responsibility, entrusts duties to amateurs, permits the entry of nepotism and amicicism, and invariably results in increased costs because it is inefficient. There is something about legislators which impels them to attempt such a seizure of powers they cannot use well; but whenever they are permitted to do it, the mistake sooner or later has to be corrected. I hope Greenbelters will avoid making the mistake in the first place.

Respectfully yours,
R. G. Tugwell

"EFFECTIVE REMEDY"

To the Editor:

Under traditional American theory of separation of powers, the remedy for an unwarranted dismissal of a city employee might be judicial, but a law providing a judicial remedy would be complicated and subject to narrow legal construction. A judicial remedy would be expensive, subject to long delays incident to the judicial process, and would be practically worthless.

Arbitration is objectionable, because it would vest discretion in a non-responsible third person in derogation of the judgment of the manager, whereas the Council, to whom the manager is responsible, is itself responsible to the people for the proper exercise of its duties and is interested in the proper administration of city affairs. It is necessarily just as interested in upholding the manager in the proper exercise of his duty as in correcting his errors of judgment; it cannot sanction insubordination, etc., by city employees without making it difficult for the manager to properly manage city affairs and to execute its own policies.

The proposed charter changes would protect city employees against an unwarranted dismissal by affording a speedy, inexpensive, and effective remedy. If dismissal of an employee is justified, what basis is there for presuming that five elected representatives of the people who act openly would arbitrarily reinstate him? If the dismissal was not justified, on what basis can reinstatement be opposed? Furthermore, if dismissal by the manager is subject to veto by the Council, would not the manager first make certain that he has good cause for dismissal? What is wrong with that? If the manager's power to fire is subject to veto by the Council, would he not be very careful whom he hires? Possible review of a dismissal should not prevent a warranted dismissal. This proposal is consistent with democratic government.

Is it in the public interest that the tenure of city employees be determined solely in the discretion of the manager? Unless the charter provisions have been superseded by other law, the Council cannot establish a civil service system for Greenbelt—hiring and firing city employees in his discretion by the manager is now the law. A union of employees is no answer, because without the right to strike or an effective review of an unwarranted dismissal the union would be as impotent as the dismissed employee. That is the road to futility.

B. J. Bordenet

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated, for your vote of confidence in re-electing me to serve for another year as a member of the Board of Directors.

Percy H. Andros

Baptists Begin Week With Musical Program

Music will play a vital part during the special services to begin in the Center School this Sunday, April 13. The services, sponsored by the Greenbelt Baptist Church, will feature informal congregational hymn singing and vocal solos, duet, quartet and choir selections. Dr. James T. McCarl will serve as song leader.

The Rev. James Robert Suttie, pastor of the Temple Hills Baptist Church, is the visiting preacher for the six-day series of services which conclude on Friday evening, April 18.

Mrs. John J. Oleksak, director of church music, announces that the Church Choir will sing "One There Is Above All Others" on Sunday morning and "Jesus The Crucified" in the evening. The Church Choir will sing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. On Monday evening, the Church Choir from the Temple Hills Baptist Church is expected to sing.

The Cherub, Carol, and Concord Choirs of the Greenbelt Baptist Church will sing on the Friday evening "Youth Night" service. Mrs. Carey T. David and Mrs. Cornell Hackett will be soloists during the week night services and Mrs. Glenn W. Samuelson and Mrs. Donald Uhlin will sing on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Suttie will begin his first of eight messages before the assembled Sunday School in the Center School auditorium shortly after 9:45 a.m. by presenting a chalk illustrated address using his vast background of experiences. He will undoubtedly use illustrations from the world of athletics, for he played quarterback in semi-pro football, from the field of entertainment in which he was formerly engaged, as well as incidents from serving in the marines, as a home missionary, and as a pastor.

Mr. Suttie has chosen to preach on the subject, "Evidences of the New Birth," during the 11 a.m. service; and "The Greatest Love Story" is the sermon topic for the 7 p.m. service. The weeknight services, Monday through Friday convene at 7:45 p.m.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these inspirational services.

FLOWER MART FRI., MAY 9

The 18th annual Flower Mart, sponsored by All Hallows Guild of the Washington Cathedral, will be held in the Oak Grove of the Cathedral Friday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mrs. Paul H. Nitze, Guild President, has named Mrs. Lewis S. Thompson, wife of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force as chairman of the event, which this year will have a Dutch theme. Seventeen garden clubs and thirteen specialty booths will sell the plants, flowers, gifts and garden gadgets which annually attract thousands of visitors to the Cathedral grounds. Plants donated by prominent Washingtonians, as well as products of the famed Cathedral Greenhouse will be sold. The Herb Shop booth has been expanded this year to include, in addition to herb plants, some of the dried herbs, jellies, sachets and gift items sold in the Cathedral Herb Cottage. There will be games and special entertainment for children.

UJA Appeal

Jules Lazerow of the Laurel Jewelry Company and Morris Gurevich of College Park have been named Co-Chairman of the Prince Georges County 1958 United Jewish Appeal campaign. The Prince Georges drive is a part of the Greater Washington United Jewish Appeal effort.

Associate Chairman for the Prince Georges UJA drive are George Baker, Reuben Bogdahoff, Norman Fields, Mrs. Irving Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosensweig, and David Strumpf.

Mrs. Leah Greenberg is Publicity Chairman for the campaign.

The Prince Georges UJA drive will open Sunday, April 13 with an Advance Gifts dinner at the Indian Springs Country Club, Layhill rd. and Glenmont dr., Silver Spring.

The Greater Washington United Jewish Appeal is attempting to raise \$2,500,000 this year. \$1,000,000 is earmarked for a rescue fund to provide transportation and initial resettlement aid for 80,000 Jewish men, women and children expected to leave Eastern Europe, North Africa and other areas of tension and uncertainty and migrate to Israel. \$1,500,000 is to be funneled to UJA's regular needs such as welfare, medical and rehabilitation services for an additional 500,000 persons forced to remain in countries of persecution and discrimination.

20 Years Ago

The Greenbelt Health Center will open to receive patients on Friday, April 1. On the same day Greenbelt's first doctor, James Spencer Dryden, M.D., will establish his residence here.

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Pros and Cons of the Charter Referendum

Next Tuesday, April 15, Greenbelt voters will go to the polls to register approval or disapproval of changes proposed to six sections of the City of Greenbelt charter. (See adjacent article for a description of these changes.)

What are the major arguments for and against these charter amendments? It should be pointed out that these arguments take two forms. The first series of arguments are of a general nature and apply to all the proposed amendments as a unit. The second series of arguments apply individually to the specific amendments proposed.

THE GENERAL ARGUMENTS

The proponents of the charter amendments state that their aim is to give the city council more responsibility and control in the management of city affairs. As the elected body most closely representing the people's wishes, the council, it is argued, should have a stronger role to play in the formulation and implementation of policy.

The proponents feel that the present charter does not permit enough formal machinery by which the city council can become adequately informed of city affairs. By sharing more responsibility with the manager, the council, it is said, could be of greater assistance and guidance to the manager, whose burden of duties often makes it difficult for him to give the proper amount of attention to the operational aspects and implications of city government.

Furthermore, those who favor the charter changes state that the distinction between policy, on the one hand, and administration, on the other, which is said to reach a pinnacle of perfection under a city manager-council plan, is in practice often a blurred distinction. Just where policy ends and administration starts depends on many factors. Each community has to decide for itself, in accordance with its own experience and characterization, where that line is best drawn. The proponents feel that up to now the city council's powers have been too closely circumscribed, and it is their belief that approval of the charter changes will remove that imbalance without doing any real harm to the basic city manager-council form of government.

Opponents of the charter changes, on the other hand, state that these proposals are a basic departure from the present managerial form of city government. They feel that the proposals infringe upon the manager's administrative powers, which should be unhampered, according to model city manager plans. By increasing the powers of the city council and abridging those of the city manager, the amendments, it is argued, will make it difficult for a city manager to perform his job effectively and will lead to a chaotic dispersion of administrative responsibility. Furthermore, politics will be injected into administration, since the city manager will be forced to consider administrative problems not objectively but in light of their political implications.

Those opposing the charter changes also feel that not enough thought and study has been given to the proposed changes. They generally agree that the charter, which is now almost 20 years old, needs to be reviewed periodically to determine if it meets current needs. They oppose, however, any piecemeal revisions of the charter which, they claim, have been hastily drawn up to meet petty grievances—revisions which are said to be so ill-considered and badly worded that they do not even reflect the intentions of their authors. Such piecemeal revisions, the opponents say, can only lead to further piecemeal changes and to a patchwork charter. Their suggestion is a systematic study of the charter with carefully recommended changes which will command the solid support of the council and thus eliminate acrimonious controversy.

THE SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS

1. Appointment and removal of city department heads and the city solicitor with the consent of the council.

Advocates of this change assert that a better balance of power is achieved in municipal government if the city council, as elected representatives of the people, share in the appointment process for department heads. This is the system utilized in the Federal government whereby the Senate confirms the appointments initiated by the President. Such a system, it is argued, has worked very well in that it assures both the executive and legislative branches of appointments that are not distasteful to either branch. The President must give some consideration to the wishes of the Senate and at the same time the Senate cannot dictate to the President his choice.

Opponents of this change state that the situation in a local municipality should not be compared with the Federal government, whose very lifeblood is politics. Injecting the city council into the appointment process will, it is argued, inevitably lead to patronage politics, and to the appointment of department heads on the basis of political considerations and not individual merit.

2. New procedure for handling dismissal cases.

The argument advanced for the consent of the council in dismissal cases is to provide an effective means of reviewing and reversing a decision of the city manager. The present situation, it is claimed, while permitting appeals by dismissed employees to the council, is not effective because the city manager's decisions remain final under any circumstances.

Opponents of the change can only foresee the breakdown of administrative supervision and discipline if the city manager is not permitted to exercise unhampered the power of dismissal. Employees, it is argued, would come to depend for their job security on their ability to curry favors with council members, thus leading to an unnatural division of administrative responsibility. At the same time, the proposed change eliminates the appeal rights which the charter now provides for an employee aggrieved but not dismissed.

3. Consent of the council needed for expenditures and contracts of more than \$1,000.

Adherents of this change assert that the current figure of \$5,000 excessively limits the number of items and contracts which the city manager needs to bring before the council for its review and approval. By lowering the figure to \$1,000, the city council, it is stated, will be able to keep better informed on the fiscal affairs of the city and to offer increased guidance to the manager in the letting of contracts.

Opponents claim that this change will hamstring the fiscal powers of the city manager and lead to political logrolling in the granting of contracts.

4. Consent of council needed for city employees to engage in dual employment.

Proponents of this change argue that because of the press of duties, the city manager has not always been able in the past to explore fully the ramifications of permitting certain city employees to engage in outside employment that may conflict with their present duties. By giving the council authority to review such cases, there would be assurance, it is averred, that proper attention and guidance would be directed to such cases. It is claimed that this assurance is now lacking.

Those opposing the change argue that this is the sort of minor administrative matter that should not clutter up the attention of the council, whose function is to consider only broad policy matters.

Librarian's Notebook

By Elizabeth B. Hage

Prince George's County Memorial Library has been receiving excellent support for its budget this year - both the operating and the proposed 10-year capital outlay budget. In this support, and in the Library's budget presentations, emphasis has been centered on the inadequate physical facilities now available; the limitations of service imposed by shortages in personnel making longer hours of service at the branches impossible; and the absolute paucity of the book collection.

In spite of these limitations, a comparison of accomplishments over the past few years shows tremendous increase of business - and with no difference in physical facilities except headquarters, and two branches, and very little increase in staff. The total circulation for the system at the end of February (March figures have not yet been compiled) is 2,500 greater than total circulation for the entire year, 1954-55. Percentage-wise the picture looks like this: Amount of money from the County has increased, 66%; size of the book collection, 43%; size of the staff 34%; and the amount of circulation, 62%. These figures do not show the increase in the amount of business done within the branches that can not be counted in circulation - amount of reference work done, both in the library and over the telephone - clipping and filing materials to supplement the book collection for reference work, to mention only two of the important items carried on, but impossible to count in circulation figures.

At first glance those percentages show the increase in funds to be pretty good. But let us consider increased costs of operation, too, before feeling too good. Salaries in 1954-1955 were abysmally low; and while the situation is much better today, the Library still has difficulty in attracting professional people at the base pay and keeping them long after they get here. Cost of supplies and materials have increased over the years, too.

The presently proposed library budget is still below minimum needs, but if granted it will go far toward our goals.

Canoeing on Lake Sought by Bowman

Bruce Bowman told the city council at its last regular meeting on Tuesday, March 24, that Greenbelt Lake, "the most beautiful lake in the area," was going to waste because the city did not allow canoeing on it. A city ordinance permits only the use of flatbottom boats on the lake in the interest of safety.

Bowman said he owned an unsinkable aluminum canoe, which he had used safely in the rapids of the Potomac, and that he felt that there would be no hazard in using it on quiet Greenbelt Lake. While he was requesting a permit for himself and his family, he urged that the ordinance be changed.

Councilman Ben Goldfaden stated that a canoe is generally considered more dangerous than a flatbottom boat and that there were good reasons for the ordinance, which was passed a number of years ago. Although canoes are safer now, he felt that the whole matter of water safety regulations should be explored before any change in the ordinance was considered. He asked that the Recreation Director make such a study.

Goldfaden said further that a complete review of the boating ordinance perhaps should include consideration to permit Lakeside home owners to build piers on the lake to tie up boats.

CUB PACK 746

The Safety Program at Berwyn has been changed to April 13 at 2 p.m., with only one volunteer from each den allowed to attend.

Don't forget the Cub PowPow to be held at Bladensburg Senior High School April 26 from 2-9 p.m. The fee of \$1.35 per person includes the Blue & Gold dinner. Anyone interested may call Cubmaster Stover at 7371 after 6 p.m.

The Cub Kite Fly, a father-son affair, is to be held at Bladensburg Senior High School on Saturday, April 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Details concerning the several different contests can be obtained from the Den Mothers.

We hope that all Greenbelters will participate by their attendance at the upcoming Scout Exposition, May 24-25, at the National Guard Armory. Admission tickets at a \$1.00 may be obtained from any Scout unit in Greenbelt.

WSCS Elects Officers

The following officers were elected by the Women's Society of Christian Service at their meeting on March 25 at the Methodist Church: President, Mary Ellen Hoffman; vice president, Peggy Smith; recording secretary, Virginia Hunt; treasurer, Mabel Russell; secretary of promotion, Betty Morgan; Christian social relations, Jen Johnson; spiritual life, Beatrice Noble; missionary education, Virginia Many; student and youth work, Mary Ellen Cousin; children's work, Ruth Fell; supply work, Roberta Meredith; literature and publications, Mrs. Ed Swisher; status of women, Rita Fisher.

After devotions led by Betty Morgan, Peggy Smith presented the program, "The March of Missions in Healing." A playlet given by Eleanor Gunthorpe, Virginia Hunt, and Virginia Many told of the work of Brewster Hospital in Florida, one of 10 hospitals supported by the W.S.C.S. Fairy Corbin read "A Challenge to Service."

Coming events were announced: April 12, M.Y.F. car wash; April 26, Smorgasbord; April 27, Trip to Home for Aged, Gaithersburg; April 29, District Conference at First Methodist Church, Hyattsville; May 1, Benefit for the Gary Ford Fund. This will be the movie, "The Man Called Peter," to be shown at the Greenbelt Theatre. The cooperation of the theatre management is greatly appreciated.

The meeting closed with a social hour during which refreshments were served by Geraldine Morris, Jo Meade and Betty Morgan. Hostesses for the April meeting will be Adaway Myers, Beatrice Noble, and Mabel Russell.

Fireman's Hall to Fire Gastronomic Pleasures

On Wednesday, April 23, between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., all paths will lead to the Firemen's Hall of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. (Behind the Firemen's Hall and downstairs.) This might be considered the bargain basement for a gourmet's treat. The menu will feature a man's size platter of spaghetti and meat balls. You will be invited to munch on carrots, olives and celery sticks while you wait to be served. Italian garlic bread and butter, coffee, and pie will follow. Have your choice of homemade pie? All this will be offered for only 85c. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad will do the serving.

Come early, or better yet, reserve a table for you and your friends. Call Viola Laws (GR. 4-9531) for reservations, or buy your ticket at the door.

Don't forget, on April 23, you have a luncheon date!

Poetry Corner

The invincibility of youth is shorn and vulnerability of age is born
When failing fleetness, timing,
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Betray the lateness of the hour.

"Mark"

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That my fellow creatures
Among my salient features
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"Mark"

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The Big Sport

WHO'S ON FIRST

By Murray Green

The decision of Joe Collins to retire if he can't play ball for his beloved Yankees points up the plight of the Phillies at the start of a new National League season. Last year the sensational Ed Bouchee came out of nowhere and made all the plays around first base. He batted .300 plus and helped keep the Phillies in the thick of things until late Summer.

Unfortunately, Bouchee has been involved in two sex offenses in Spokane, Washington. He was not sent to jail. With permission of a Superior Court judge, he voluntarily submitted to psychiatric treatment which, at the very least, will take him out of baseball for 1958. Some baseball observers doubt whether Commissioner Ford Frick will permit Bouchee ever again to play ball.

The loss of his promising first sacker has dealt a severe blow to the chances of Mayo Smith's team. Roy Hamey, General Manager of the Phils, had persuaded his bosom pal and former associate, George Weiss, to let go of Collins who was then waived out of the American League. George, who doesn't persuade very easily, could have been influenced by the stellar play of Marv Throneberry for the Yankees this spring. The younger brother of Faye Throneberry, late of the Washington Senators, has been burning up the minor leagues for four years now and deserves a shot in the majors. But the way Moose Skowron has been pulverizing enemy pitching with three grand homers plus other assorted drives to compile a gaudy .425 average, Marv might get more exercises this year back at Denver.

Trader Lane Pulls a Fast One

And how, may we ask, did the Yankees persuade Calvin Griffith to waive on Joe Collins, a diamond alongside of the zircon - Norm, that is - that Cookie Lavagetto can muster to guard that initial sack? Zauchin is a right-handed power batter who failed in Fenway Park with that convenient left field fence. Collins bats from the other side of the plate, of course. He would have given Cookie flexibility against the right-handed pitching that will be tossed in heavy numbers against Roy Sievers and Jim Lemon. Collins also doubles as an outfielder and can stick in a crucial pinch-hit in a late inning crisis. In short, as a utility man, Joe Collins has few peers, his anemic lifetime average notwithstanding.

With the Yankees, Collins was paid a salary in excess of \$20,000. Among the Nats only Roy Sievers commands such a healthy stipend. Money, it seems, was no object with Joe. He is a man who is proud of his work and his team. If the better-than-middling Phillies could not tempt him, obviously, a piece of the Senator's franchise could not have dissuaded him from retirement.

The deal is a strange one. Frantic Frankie was over a barrel. With the season fast approaching he was stuck with two prima donnas unable or unwilling to play any position other than left field. The Orioles should have held out for such as Rocco Colavito, we think.

The sight of Gene Woodling in Oriole livery cannot fail to remind Bird fans of Bob Turley and Don Larsen, as well as Larry Doby. It is true he batted .321 last year, but he's 35 years old. At best he has 2 or 3 good years in him. It will take them, too, to placate Baltimore resentment. Incidentally, the only manager who has so far resisted the blandishments of Lane is Casey Stengel who probably locks his valuables in that private Glendale, California, vault whenever he learns that the Trader is due in town.

WHY DON'T WE? Before the war police in Hungary must have felt that some people drove their cars as if rehearsing for an accident. To help over-come this a system was set up in Hungary which made it the law to have the rear license plate larger than the front. They weren't going to let a reckless driver get away if they could help it.

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By Elaine Skolnik - GRanite 4-6060

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, 5-C Ridge. Christopher Anthony was born on March 11, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz. He has a sister, Alison.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, 9-J Southway, announce the arrival of a son. Kenneth Fletcher arrived on March 24, weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. He joins a brother Barry, 2 years old.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pilkerton, 38-A Crescent. The important date was March 23.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Haslinger, 11-N Ridge, who was nominated and accepted into the National Honor Society. The award was given in recognition of her marks, leadership and outstanding character. Joan attends the Notre Dame Academy in Washington, D. C.

Congratulations to Kenneth E. Kramer, 5-H Ridge, who won a Certificate of Merit given by the Washington Star in the Regional Scholastic Writing Awards for the Washington Metropolitan District. The contest was conducted by the Junior Scholastic Magazine. Kenneth is an eighth grade student at Greenbelt Junior High.

Visiting the Weidberg family, 17-A Ridge, for the past two weeks, are Adelaide's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Ehrlich of Staten Island, New York.

A surprise baby shower was given last Wednesday night for Mrs. Marion Morgan, 1-D Eastway at the home of Mrs. Sonia Garin, 10-A Hillside. Mrs. Morgan is the president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School.

Anne Marie Grant, 14-B Laurel, will be twirling a baton on the Brooke Johns Show Saturday, April 19 on TV, Channel 4, 1 p.m. Anne Marie is eleven years old.

A speedy recovery to Marcus Nusinov, 50-C Ridge.

Mrs. Anton Slepitz of New Haven, Connecticut, is visiting her sons, Mr. Alec Slepitz and family, 55-G Ridge, during the Easter holidays.

The Lancaster family, 3-M Research, has Lois' cousin, Mildred Porterfield, of Shenandoah, Virginia visiting.

The Donald LeFevers, 14-W Laurel, have returned from a visit with Mrs. LeFevers parents in Edinburgh, Virginia.

Happy birthday to Charlotte McCauley, 6-E Hillside, who celebrated her tenth birthday on April 6.

Birthday greetings to the Simonson twins, 8-C Ridge. Laura and Linda will be celebrating their eighth birthday on Friday, April 11. They will be giving a party for some of their friends.

The first day of spring heralded Jonathan Asbell Mednick, joining the family of Dr. and Mrs. Sol Mednick. Jonathan's mother was a former staff member of the News Review; the Mednicks now live at 3206 Marnat rd., Baltimore.

They called it "Extraction Day" at the Henry's, 9-M Ridge one day last week. Dentist's toll was 4 teeth from 3 Henrys—Alan had two pulled—and one was pretty tough to dig out! Ted had one pulled and Paula had one pulled. Several more visits are in order, but not for extractions. Mrs. H. figures the pain will be continuous for some time . . . financially — Ugh!

Tom Ritchie, of 7-C Ridge, an eighth grader at Greenbelt Junior High School, won the spelling contest for seventh and eighth graders in his school.

He will represent Greenbelt Junior High School May 2, at the Washington Area Spelling Contest, sponsored by the Washington Daily News.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cross and son, David of Parsons, W. Va., spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Corss's mother, Mrs. Irene Donahue, and sisters, Mrs. Maxine Miller, 4-B Plateau pl. and Mrs. Lynn Mazitis, 10-P Plateau pl.

Kathleen Jane Madden, of 110 Northway rd., is on the Dean's list for the first semester at The Catholic University of America here. To qualify for this scholastic honor, a student must obtain an average of 3.0 or better out of a possible 4.0 quality points, or a B average.

Marie and Alan Kistler, and their children, Kevin and Mary Anne, 7-B Crescent, received a surprise visit from Alan's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Kistler, of Pittsburgh, over the Easter Weekend.

Kevin, 8, recovering nicely from his recent bout with nephritis, and Mary Anne, 2, felt that "grandma and grandpa's" visit was the best treat the Easter Bunny brought.

During the brief stay, Dr. Kistler toured Greenbelt's dental center and declared it among the most attractive and well equipped dental suites he had seen.

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Robert V. Travis, 57-G Ridge, owner-manager of the Garden Pest Control Co., announces a new service available in this area, offering custom spraying and plant protection of lawns, ornamental plants, shrubs, and small trees from insects, mites, nematodes, and bacterial and fungal diseases.

Travis received his B.S. in ornamental horticulture at Cornell University and in 1957 his M.S. in entomology at the University of Maryland, where he is continuing work in entomology and plant pathology for his Ph.D.

The Garden Pest Control Co. has a new type of sprayer, a portable mist blower. This new type of sprayer works on the principle of using air instead of water as a diluent, the air stream breaking up the spray into very small particles (about .0039 inches in diameter) and blowing it into the plants, giving better coverage and plant protection than the conventional machines can offer. This knapsack sprayer is made to order for small yards and ornamental plantings but can also be used effectively on larger plantings and is capable of covering about one acre per hour.

The speed and efficiency of this machine has at last made it possible to perform spraying operations for the home owner at a price within his reach. A Greenbelt yard can be covered in less than 10 minutes of actual spraying time.

Mozart at Lizner

Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutte" will be presented by the Opera Society of Washington April 14, 15 and 17 at 8 p.m. in Lisner Auditorium. This final production of the Opera Society's current season will feature Marguerite Willauer in the leading soprano role of "Fiordiligi." Miss Willauer was acclaimed for her singing of the role of the Composer in the recent Opera Society production of "Ariadne auf Naxos." She has appeared with Boris Goldowsky's opera Theatre, the New York City Center Opera, NBC Opera Company and the Santa Fe Opera, where she sang "Fiordiligi" last summer. Others in the cast include Mary McMur-ray, Sylvia Stahlman, Donald Gramm, John McCollum and John Reardon.

Tickets are available at the office of the Opera Society, 1745 K St., N.W.; the Discount Record Shop, 1340 Connecticut ave., N.W.; and the National Symphony Orchestra box office, 1108 G st., N.W.

CHEMISE, PLEASE

The Greenbelt Womens Club will hold a Style Show, Wednesday evening, April 16, at the Center School Auditorium. Fashions for women and teens will be shown with local and out-of-town models. In addition there will be refreshments and door prizes, according to Betty Tucker, Chairman of the event. There will be an admission charge and "gentlemen are invited," Mrs. Tucker added.

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